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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HAGEL et al
Serial No.: 09/639,071
Filed: August 16, 2000
For: Firing Mixture
Group: 3641
Examiner: Sanchez, G.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 5, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATON:

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 1, insert:

--This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/639,071, filed August 16, 2000, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/171,805, filed October 14, 1999 (now abandoned)--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

3. (Amended) Ignition mixture according to Claim 1, characterized in that the explosive, alone or as a mixture, is selected from the secondary explosives, for example from nitrocellulose, hexanitrostilbene, from certain heterocycles such a